

REMARKS

Claims 1-19 are the only claims pending. Original claims 3-17 have been amended to eliminate informal "use of" terminology, to reduce filing fees by eliminating multiple dependency and to provide minor clarification.

It is self-evident that the numbers under the formulae in claim 8 are all wrong: formula (1b) is clearly a cyanoacetate and formula (1a) is clearly a carbon acid chloride. Also the final product is a compound of formula (1a), not (1). Moreover, since the final product is a compound of formula (1a), formula of the carbon acid chloride was changed to a compound of formula (1a'). No new matter has been added.

Applicants aver that the claims are now in better form for examination. An Action on the merits of the claims is respectfully awaited. In the event that minor amendments will further prosecution, applicants request that the examiner contact the undersigned representative.

Respectfully submitted,



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